

House Resolution No. 301

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have admirably dedicated their lives and energy to assisting others; and

Whereas, Amber Dowler of Bates City, Missouri, is a seventh-grader at Oak Grove Middle School and one of six top youth volunteers in the state of Missouri to receive an annual Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist Award in 2002; and

Whereas, selected on the basis of her coordination of "Stuffed Hugs", a project to collect stuffed animals for distribution to children who have suffered personal tragedies in their young lives, Amber Dowler will receive an engraved bronze medallion in honor of her status as a state Distinguished Finalist; and

Whereas, now in its seventh year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial companies, which offer a variety of insurance, mutual funds, retirement, and other related products and services, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders; and

Whereas, Amber Dowler was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award by Oak Grove Middle School as one of a record 28,000 applicants submitted nationwide for this year's competitive program which values such outstanding criteria as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Amber Dowler as a Missouri Distinguished Finalist by the 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Amber Dowler of Oak Grove Middle School in Oak Grove, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative D. J. Davis, District No. 122

Representative Carson Ross, District No. 55

Representative Don Lograsso, District No. 54

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 301, adopted February 13, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker